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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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1. U.S. Patent 5,266,739, dated November 30, 1993, issued to Yamauchi; and
2. Taiwanese Patent No. 328156, dated March 11, 1998.

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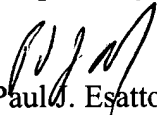
The references were cited in an Official Action dated February 25, 2003, received from the Taiwanese Patent Office. A copy of the Taiwanese Office Action is enclosed.

Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references, along with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Taiwanese Office Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

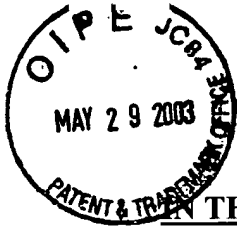
Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the petition fee and certification are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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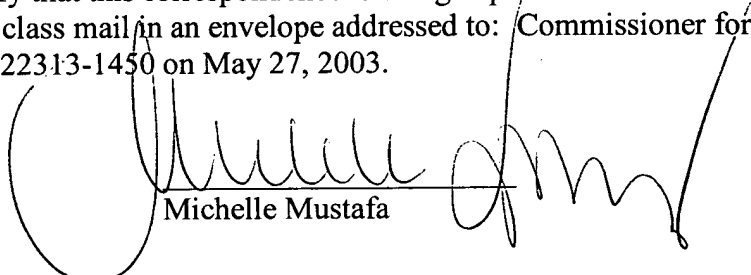
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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement be considered with respect to the above-identified application.

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The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(c), and on or before payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by the Statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e) and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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